

Ozark – St. Francis National Forests

Boston Mountain Ranger District - Arkansas

Shores Lake Recreation Area

Campground
Swimming
Fishing
Hiking



Southern National Forests

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Attractions:

The Boston Mountain Ranger District is located within the heart of the Boston Mountain Range of the Ozarks. Visitors can view rugged mountain scenery and spectacular rock bluffs.

Shores Lake Recreation Area offers an 82-acre lake in a mountain setting with a fully accessible bathroom facility with ramps for the physically challenged. The fishing piers were designed with wheelchair use in mind. Underwater structures were built to attract fish to the fishing piers. The lake is stocked with bass, catfish, and bluegill. Other accessible features include the boathouse, a ramp on the swimming beach, and a pavilion.

Construction of the dam at Shores Lake began in the 1930's by men in a nearby Civilian Conservation Corps camp. The dam was completed in 1958. A cooperative effort between the USDA Forest Service and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission helped complete the structure.

Surrounding Areas:

Shores Lake Loop Trail is a wilderness showcase of upland hardwoods and shortleaf pine groves. The 13.4-mile trail treats hikers to views of waterfalls and wildlife. Exercise caution while hiking along bluff lines.

Facilities:

- 19 single campsites.
- 4 multiple unit campsites.
- Restrooms with hot showers.
- 28 family picnicking units.
- Pavilion for group picnicking.
- Drinking water.
- Boat launching ramp. Maximum boat motor size is 10 hp.
- Camping trailers allowed; no hook-ups available.

Fees:

Current user fees and regulations are posted at the self-service pay station.

Location:

From Mulberry take Arkansas 215 north for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 for 0.5 mile.

For more information, contact:

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